

#### **OUTDOOR BEAUTY**

## National and State Properties

Many of Indiana's best natural beauty spots can be found at its national and state properties. The most visited properties throughout Indiana are Brown County State Park (Central), Hoosier National Forest (Southern), Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (Northwest) and Turkey Run State Park (Western).

## Whitewater Scenic Canal Byway

Indiana's newest byway is located in Eastern Indiana and travels from Hagerstown to Lawrenceburg showcasing the canal history and natural beauty of the area.

#### **PRODUCTION TOURS**

# Bloomington Cooking School

Your entrée will be prepared right before your eyes by Chef Matt O'Neill with entertaining tips and tidbits throughout the presentation. You'll enjoy a full-course meal with a scrumptious dessert and leave with all the recipes! The Cooking School is located on the Bloomington Courthouse Square.

## Limestone Capital of the World, Lawrence Co.

Explore Bedford, the heart of the limestone industry! Tours offer history on the industry and facility production exploration. Limestone has been utilized in the creation of many famed national buildings, including the Empire State Building, New York City and the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

# Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana

Located near Princeton, this Toyota manufacturing plant produces the Sequoia (SUV) and the Sienna (minivan). In 2009, the facility will expand its production to include the Highlander (SUV), offer tram plant tours and open a visitor center.

#### Wineries

Indiana's the wine country of the Midwest, with more than 35 wineries across the state. Many are located on wine trails: Indiana Wine Trail (Southeast), Indv Wine Trail (Central) and Upland Wine Trail (Southern). Indiana also plays host to several wine festivals and competitions, including The Swiss Wine Festival in Vevay and the Indy International Wine Festival in Indianapolis.











Amish Country
Ohio River Scenic Byway

Counter-clockwise

- Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration
- The Indianapolis 500®





## **RURAL AMERICA**

## **Great Small Towns**

Midwest Living magazine's 2008 100 Best Small-Town Getaways list features many Indiana towns. These towns offer historic downtown districts to tour with unique shopping and dining experiences.

- 4. Madison (Southeast)
- 6. Nashville (South Central)
- 14. Shipshewana (Northern)
- 39. Corydon (Southern)
- 41. Chesterton (Northern)

61. New Harmony (Southern)

66. Centerville (Eastern)

71. Seymour (Southern)

87. Greencastle (Western)

# Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration

Lincoln spent his boyhood, age 7-21, in Indiana. Visit his Hoosier roots in Spencer County: The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln State Park and Lincoln Amphitheatre. In the spring of 2009, venture to the Lincoln Amphitheatre for the World Premiere of LINCOLN, a theatrical insight into the life of the man behind the legacy.

# Quilt Garden Tours in Amish Country

This tour offers over 20 uniquely designed gardens and murals showcased at destinations such as Amish Acres (Nappanee), Menno-Hof Center (Shipshewana) and the American Countryside Farmers Market (Elkhart). Add a stop at Das Dutchman Essenhaus (Middlebury) or the Blue Gate Restaurant and Theater (Shipshewana) to complete the Amish experience.

#### **WORLD-RENOWN EXHIBITS**

# Tutankhamun: The Golden King and The Great Pharaohs

Opening in June 2009! Over 130 treasures from the tomb of the King Tut and other important rulers from ancient Egypt will be on exhibit at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Besides Tutanhamun artifacts, the exhibit will focus on the splendor of the Egyptian pharaohs and what kingship meant to the Egyptian people.

# Indianapolis Motor Speedway

No visit to Indianapolis is complete without a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum. Recognized as one of the best automobile and auto racing museums in the world, the Speedway does it up with a lap tour of the famous 2.5-mile racetrack. Famous for the Indianapolis 500® and Allstate 400® at the Brickyard, the Speedway now hosts the Red Bull Indianapolis GP<sup>TM</sup> part of the prestigious international MotoGP motorcycle racing circuit.

#### **MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

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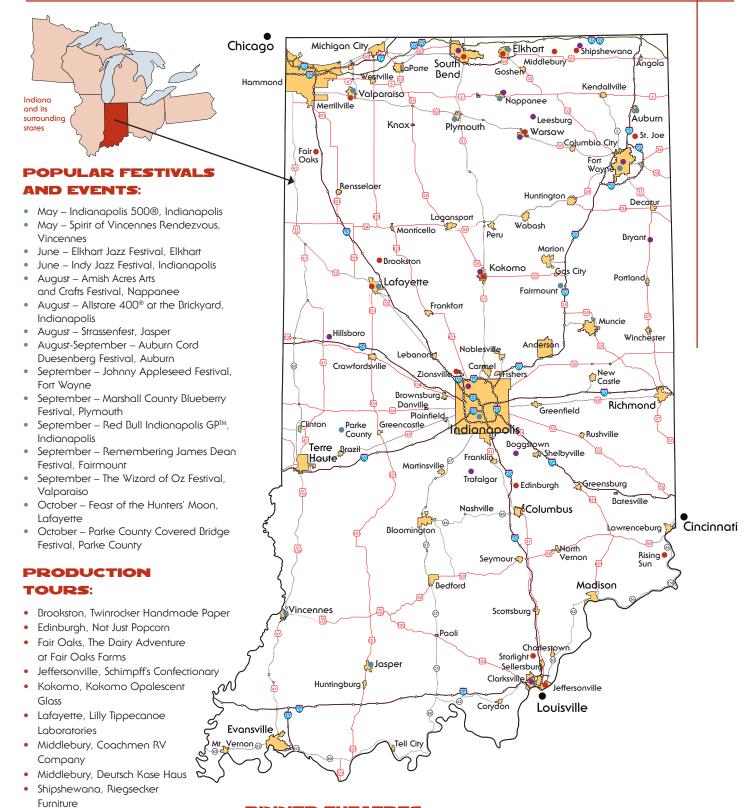
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### **DINNER THEATRES:**

- Boaastown Cabaret Theatre
- Bryant, Bearcreek Farms
- Clarksville, Derby Dinner Playhouse
- Fort Wayne, Arena Dinner Theatre
- Hillsboro, Myers Dinner Theatre
- Indianapolis, Beef & Boards Theatre
- Kokomo, Seiberling Wedding Re-enactment
- Leesburg, Al Capone Dinner Show at Tippecanoe Lake Country Club
- Nappanee, Amish Acres
- Shipshewana, Blue Gate Restaurant & Theatre
- South Bend, Morris Performing Arts Center
- Trafalgar, Miss Betty's Diner Theatre
- Warsaw, Wagon Wheel Theatre

- Warsaw, Biomet
- Zionsville, Traders Point Creamery

South Bend, South Bend Chocolate

Starlight, Forest Discovery Center

St. Joe, Sechler's Pickle Factory

Elkhart, Walter Piano Company

Valparaiso, Hoosier Bat Company

Rising Sun, Harps on Main